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SUBJECT: BROADWAY TODAY PERFORMS AT JASPER ARTS CENTER

Did you miss the last few years of Broadway musicals? Now is the time to come out to Jasper Arts Center to catch the best of the tunes in *Broadway Today*. Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment on Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m.

This show features four vocalists plus back up musicians who will entertain with hits from recent Broadway musicals, such as, *Wicked*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Chicago*, *Jersey Boys*, *The Lion King* and many more. Both the shows, music and vocalists continually change to keep updated and depending upon the performers' schedules.

The performers for this show will be:

Brian Lane Green who has a long history on Broadway and television. This Tony-Award nominated actor appeared as Huck Fin in *Big River* and the title character in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He may be best known for his roles on daytime television as Alan Brand on *Days of Our Lives* (1987-89), Sam Fowler on *Another World* (1991-1993), and Brian Bodine on *All My Children* (1993-1994). Born in Columbus, Indiana and raised in Cleveland, Tennessee, Green began singing in church and won the Church of God national Teen Talent competition. He began working as a guest actor in *Highway to Heaven*, *Hotel*, *Matlock* and *Mother She Wrote*.

Christina Saffran Ashford's career is extensive and a triple threat with extensive credits in acting, singing and voice-over work. On stage, she has performed in *Singing in the Rain*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Music Man* and *Drood* as well as *My Fair Lady*, *Showboat*, *South Pacific*, *Phantom*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Sunday in the Park with George* among others. Her concert work includes being the lead singer for Herbie Hancock, jazzing it up with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, and as soloist for various national symphony orchestras. Finally, Ashford has provided animated voices for Disney's *Aladdin*, *Mulan*, *Magic Flute*, *102 Dalmatians*, *A Bug's Life*, *Pocahontas II* and many,

many more. She is a founding member of Retinoblastoma International. She resides in Los Angeles with her husband and two daughters, Grace and Emma.

David Burnham just returned from New York where he played Fiyero in the Broadway production of *Wicked*. He was a member of the cast of 6-time Tony Award winning musical *The Light in the Piazza*. He is the 2007 recipient of the prestigious *Helen Hayes Award* for best actor. Burnham gained critical acclaim when, after a two-year search, he was chosen to replace Donny Osmond in the national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In addition to his extensive acting credits, Burnham has also done voice-over work for animated features, such as, Warner Bros. *The King and I* and Disney's *Home on the Range*.

Jessica Hendy's Broadway credits include *Cats*, *Aida*, *Amour* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* among others. She has toured the United States and Canada in Broadway and off-Broadway productions. Jessica has had the distinct pleasure of singing with several symphonies around the country under the direction of Stephen Reineke, the new POPS conductor at Carnegie Hall. She also premiered in *Don't Make Me Pull this Show Over: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Parenting*. A graduate from Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, she currently lives in Cincinnati with her husband and 2 year old son, Beckett.

John Boswell is a performer, composer and also served as musical director for Judy Collins, Andy Williams and Bob Newhart. He played the role of *Moose* in the national tour of *Crazy for You*. Other credits include *The Secret Garden*, *Back to Bacharach and David*, and *The Kathy and Mo Show: Parallel Lives*. John has six CDs of original music.

Scott Coulter is the director and composed the vocal arrangements for this production. He is both a performer and a producer and has won numerous awards in each category. Awards include Bistro Award for Outstanding Male Vocalist, Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs, Best Male Debut, among others. He toured the US as Jinx in *Forever Plaid* and produced Michael Feinstein's *Standard Time* at Carnegie Hall. He is a graduate of Cincinnati College – Conservatory of Music and is co-owner / co-founder of Spot-On Entertainment.

Don't miss out on this festive night of entertainment and fun. Tickets are still available by calling the Jasper Arts Center at 812-482-3070. They are \$33 for adults, \$30 for seniors, and \$28 for students and children.

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